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Pursuant to  
the Act of 1934

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8-65321

REPORT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING	1/1/04	AND ENDING	12/31/04
	MM/DD/YY		MM/DD/YY

## A. REGISTRANT IDENTIFICATION

## NAME OF BROKER-DEALER:

Williams Benator &amp; Libby Financial Services, LLC

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FIRM ID. NO.

ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS:  
(Do not use P.O. Box No.)2987 Clairmont Rd., Ste. 400  
(No. and Street)Atlanta  
(City)GA  
(State)30329  
(Zip Code)

## NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT IN REGARD TO THIS REPORT

Gloria Peterson

651-665-1000

(Area Code - Telephone No.)

## B. ACCOUNTANT IDENTIFICATION

INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT whose opinion is contained in this Report\*  
(Name - if individual, state last, first, middle name)

Olsen Thielen &amp; Co., Ltd.

223 Little Canada Road  
AddressSt. Paul  
CityMN  
State55117  
Zip Code

## CHECK ONE:



Certified Public Accountant



Public Accountant



Accountant not Resident in United States or any of its possessions.

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\*Claims for exemption from the requirement that the annual report be covered by the opinion of an independent public accountant must be supported by a statement of facts and circumstances relied on as the basis for the exemption. See section 240.17a-15(e)(2).

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## OATH OR AFFIRMATION

I, Garrick Vouk, swear (or affirm) that, to the best of my knowledge and belief the accompanying financial statements and supporting schedules pertaining to the firm of Williams Benator & Libby Financial Services, LLC as of December 31, 2004 are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that neither the company nor any partner, proprietor, principal officer or director has any proprietary interest in any account classified solely as that of a customer.



*Garrick M. Vouk*  
Signature  
  
Secretary  
Title

*Sharon C Peterson*  
Notary Public

This report\*\* contains (check all applicable boxes):

- ☒ (a) Facing Page
- ☒ (b) Statement of Financial Condition
- ☒ (c) Statement of Income (Loss)
- ☒ (d) Statement of Cash Flows
- ☒ (e) Statement of Changes in Stockholder's Equity or Partners' or Sole Proprietor's Capital
- ☐ (f) Statement of Changes in Liabilities Subordinated to Claims of Creditors
- ☒ (g) Computation of Net Capital
- ☐ (h) Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirement Pursuant to Rule 15c3-3
- ☐ (i) Information Relating to the Possession or Control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3
- ☐ (j) A Reconciliation, including appropriate explanation, of the computation of Net Capital Under Rule 15c3-1 and the Computation for Determination of the Reserve Requirements Under Exhibit A Rule 15c3-3
- ☐ (k) A Reconciliation between the audited and unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of consolidation
- ☒ (l) An Oath or Affirmation
- ☐ (m) A Copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report
- ☐ (n) A Report describing any material inadequacies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit
- ☒ (o) Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Accounting Control Required by SEC Rule 17a-5.

\*\*For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e)(3)

# WILLIAMS BENATOR & LIBBY FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

The Members  
Williams Benator & Libby Financial Services, LLC  
Atlanta, Georgia

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Williams Benator & Libby Financial Services, LLC (the Company) as of December 31, 2004, and the related statements of operations, changes in members' equity and cash flows for the year then ended that are being filed pursuant to Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Williams Benator & Libby Financial Services, LLC as of December 31, 2004, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information contained in Schedule 1 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements, but is supplementary information required by Rule 17a-5 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

*Olsen Thielen & Co., Ltd.*

St. Paul, Minnesota  
January 21, 2005

WILLIAMS BENATOR & LIBBY FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION  
DECEMBER 31, 2004

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ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 31,851
Prepaid Expenses	<u>408</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 32,259</u>
LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	<u>\$ -</u>
MEMBERS' EQUITY:	
Members' Cumulative Contributions	25,000
Cumulative Earnings	<u>7,259</u>
Total Members' Equity	<u>32,259</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS' EQUITY	<u>\$ 32,259</u>

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.*

WILLIAMS BENATOR & LIBBY FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004

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REVENUES:	
Commissions	<u>\$ 24,199</u>
EXPENSES:	
Accounting Services Fee	6,200
Filing Fees	2,994
Audit Fees	1,433
Rent	1,200
Insurance	1,056
Travel	778
Other Services	385
Employee License Fees	120
Bank Charges	37
Total Expenses	<u>14,203</u>
NET INCOME	<u>\$ 9,996</u>

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.*

WILLIAMS BENATOR & LIBBY FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' EQUITY  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004

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	<u>Securian</u>	<u>W B &amp; L Services, LLP</u>	<u>Total</u>
BALANCE on December 31, 2003	\$ 5,599	\$ 41,664	\$ 47,263
Net Income	500	9,496	9,996
Distributions to Members	<u>(1,250)</u>	<u>(23,750)</u>	<u>(25,000)</u>
BALANCE on December 31, 2004	<u>\$ 4,849</u>	<u>\$ 27,410</u>	<u>\$ 32,259</u>

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.*

WILLIAMS BENATOR & LIBBY FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004

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CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Net Income	\$ 9,996
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash	
Provided By Operating Activities:	
Changes in Assets and Liabilities:	
Commissions Receivable	8,336
Prepaid Expenses	(408)
Accounts Payable	(1,165)
Due to WorthMark Financial Services, LLC	(450)
Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities	<u>16,309</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	
Distributions to Members	<u>(25,000)</u>
Net Cash Used In Financing Activities	<u>(25,000)</u>
DECREASE IN CASH	(8,691)
CASH at Beginning of Year	<u>40,542</u>
CASH at End of Year	<u>\$ 31,851</u>

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.*



# **WILLIAMS BENATOR & LIBBY FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC**

## **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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### **NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

#### **Nature of Business**

Williams Benator & Libby Financial Services, LLC (the Company) was formed as a limited liability company on June 15, 2001, and commenced operations on June 15, 2001. The Company is a joint venture between Securian Financial Services, Inc. (Securian), a minority unit holder, and W B & L Services, LLC. Securian owns 5 class B units, which represent 49% of the voting rights in the Company, and W B & L Services, LLC owns 95 class A units, which represent 51% of the voting rights.

The Company was formed to offer financial and estate planning services and seminars to the public and certain professional firm clients. The Company will ultimately aid in the sale of insurance and investment products to their clients. The Company is a registered broker-dealer in securities under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934.

The Company's results of operations may not be indicative of the results that would be obtained had it operated independently.

#### **Use of Estimates**

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, including reporting or disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, as of the statement of financial condition date and the reported amounts of revenues and expense during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### **Income Taxes**

The Company is a limited liability company and is being treated as a partnership for federal and state income tax purposes. Under this arrangement, taxes are not assessed at the Company level, but any taxable income, expense, gain, loss, or credit is passed through to its owners based on each owner's distributive share.

### **NOTE 2 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

WorthMark Financial Services, LLC, an affiliate of Securian, provided administrative and accounting services to the Company for \$6,200 for the year ended December 31, 2004.

### **NOTE 3 - ALLOCATION OF PROFITS AND LOSSES**

The Company allocates profits according to the terms of the Limited Liability Company Agreement, with 95% allocated to W B & L Services, LLC, and 5% to Securian. Two distributions were declared during the 2004 fiscal year: \$15,000 in March 2004 and \$10,000 in July 2004.

Net losses will be allocated based on the number of units owned by the respective members, not to exceed their capital balance.

# **WILLIAMS BENATOR & LIBBY FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC**

## **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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### **NOTE 4 - NET CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS**

Pursuant to the net capital provisions of Rule 15c3-1 of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Company is required to maintain a minimum net capital as defined under such provisions. Net capital and the related net capital ratio may fluctuate on a daily basis. At December 31, 2004, the Company had net capital and a net capital requirement of \$31,851 and \$5,000, respectively. The Company's net capital ratio (ratio of aggregate indebtedness to net capital) was 0.0 to 1.0 at December 31, 2004.

### **NOTE 5 - RULE 15c3-3**

The Company is exempt from Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission under subsection (k)(2)(ii). Under this exemption, the "Computation for Determination of Reserve Requirements" and "Information Relating to the Possession or Control Requirements" are not required.

### **NOTE 6 - INTENTION TO WITHDRAW FROM THE COMPANY**

In December 2004, the Company received written notice that WB&L Services, LLC (the owner of the 95 class A units) intended to withdraw from the Company. This action requires approval by the NASD. The Company will reflect the equity withdrawal by WB&L Services, LLC when the approval is granted by the NASD.

## WILLIAMS BENATOR &amp; LIBBY FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC

COMPUTATION OF NET CAPITAL UNDER RULE 15c3-1  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2004

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MEMBERS' EQUITY	\$ 32,259
DEDUCTION: NON-ALLOWABLE ASSETS:	
Prepaid Expenses	<u>(408)</u>
NET CAPITAL BEFORE HAIRCUTS ON SECURITIES	31,851
HAIRCUTS ON SECURITIES	<u>—</u>
NET CAPITAL	<u>\$ 31,851</u>
TOTAL AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS	<u>\$ —</u>
NET CAPITAL	\$ 31,851
Minimum Capital Required to be Maintained (the Greater of \$5,000 or 6 2/3 of Aggregate Indebtedness of \$0)	<u>5,000</u>
NET CAPITAL IN EXCESS OF REQUIREMENTS	<u>\$ 26,851</u>
RATIO OF AGGREGATE INDEBTEDNESS TO NET CAPITAL	<u>—</u>

There were no material differences in the computation of net capital or aggregate indebtedness between the amounts included in Part IIA of Form X-17A-5 and the above computations.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL  
ACCOUNTING CONTROL REQUIRED BY SEC RULE 17a-5**

The Members  
Williams Benator & Libby Financial Services, LLC  
Atlanta, Georgia

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements and supplemental schedule of Williams Benator & Libby Financial Services, LLC (the Company) for the year ended December 31, 2004, we considered its internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities, in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on internal control.

Also, as required by Rule 17a-5(g)(1) of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC), we have made a study of the practices and procedures followed by the Company, including tests of such practices and procedures that we considered relevant to the objectives stated in Rule 17a-5(g), in making the periodic computations of aggregate indebtedness and net capital under Rule 17a-3(a)(11) and for determining compliance with the exemptive provisions of Rule 15c3-3. Because the Company does not carry security accounts for customers or perform custodial functions relating to customer securities, we did not review the practices and procedures followed by the Company in any of the following: (1) making quarterly securities examinations, counts, verifications, and comparisons; (2) recordation of differences required by Rule 17a-13; (3) complying with the requirements for prompt payment for securities under Section 8 of Federal Reserve Regulation T of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

The management of the Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal control and the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of controls and of the practices and procedures referred to in the preceding paragraph and to assess whether those practices and procedures can be expected to achieve the SEC's above-mentioned objectives. Two of the objectives of internal control and the practices and procedures are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets for which the Company has responsibility are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Rule 17a-5(g) lists additional objectives of the practices and procedures listed in the preceding paragraph.

Because of inherent limitations in internal control or the practices and procedures referred to above, error or fraud may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of them to future periods is subject to the risk that they may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of their design and operation may deteriorate.

Our consideration of internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in internal control that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of the specific internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. However, we noted no matters involving internal control, including control activities for safeguarding securities, that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We understand that practices and procedures that accomplish the objectives referred to in the second paragraph of this report are considered by the SEC to be adequate for its purposes in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and related regulations, and that practices and procedures that do not accomplish such objectives in all material respects indicate a material inadequacy for such purposes. Based on this understanding and on our study, we believe that the Company's practices and procedures were adequate at December 31, 2004 to meet the SEC's objectives.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Members, management, the SEC, and other regulatory agencies that rely on Rule 17a-5(g) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 in their regulation of registered brokers and dealers, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

St. Paul, Minnesota  
January 21, 2005

*Oliver Shiel & Co., Ltd.*